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SUGGESTED RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Please consider the following suggestion for a restriction requirement. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.142(c), this Suggested Restriction Requirement is submitted before a first Office action on the merits, before an Office action that contains a requirement to comply with the requirement of unity of invention under PCT Rule 13, and before a requirement for restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 in the application.

Suggested Restriction Requirement

Applicants suggest that the claims can be restricted into the following Groups:

Group 1 (Claims 17-36) directed to seller-controlled publication of question and answer sets.

Group 2 (Claims 37-41) directed to automatic suggestions for updating a listing.

Conditional upon acceptance and entry of this Suggested Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute Group 1 (Claims 17-36). Applicants believe that this Group I comprises no more than 4 independent and 20 total claims. In addition, upon acceptance and entry of this Suggested Restriction Requirement, then the remaining claims, those of Group II, are hereby immediately cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce such cancelled claims in this application or present such claims in a later filed application. Since such cancellation is being made before a first Office action on the merits, Applicants reserve the right to request a refund for any excess claim fees of the cancelled claims.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney at 408-278-4042 to facilitate prosecution of this application.


If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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